## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA SOUTHERN DIVISION

No. 7:22-cv-00073-M

CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO REASSIGN DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO LIMIT THE SCOPE OF REVIEW TO THE DISTRICT COURT

MICHAEL REGAN, in his official capacity as Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Defendants submit this response to Plaintiffs' Motion to Reassign

Defendants' Motion to Limit the Scope of Review to the District Court (ECF No. 61).

Defendants defer to the Court's determination as to which judge should decide

Defendants' Motion to Limit the Scope of Review. In any event, the Court should

first decide Defendants' Motion to Dismiss and, only if the Court denies Defendants'

Motion to Dismiss, decide Defendants' Motion to Limit the Scope of Review.

Further, in their motion, Plaintiffs make repeated and supplemental argumentation and mischaracterize Defendants' positions. Defendants rest on their briefing with respect to the merits of the pending motions. The Court should reject Plaintiffs' repeated and additional argumentation.

## Respectfully submitted this 27th day of September 2022.

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on September 27, 2022, I electronically transmitted the foregoing Defendants' Response to Plaintiffs' Motion to Reassign Defendants' Motion to Limit the Scope of Review to the District Court using the ECF system for filing and transmittal of a Notice of Electronic Filing to registered counsel for all parties.

> /s/ Brandon N. Adkins United States Department of Justice